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Sub-Commission on Prevention of
Discrimination and Protection
of Minorities
Forty-eighth session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The forty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 5 to 30 August 1996. The first meeting will be convened at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 5 August 1996.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda, prepared in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, is reproduced below.

Inter-sessional and pre-sessional working groups

3. In accordance with previous decisions, the forty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission will be preceded by meetings of four working groups as follows:

(a) Working Group on Communications, established pursuant to paragraph 1 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970. This Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for two weeks prior to the forty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission, from 22 July to 2 August 1996;

(b) Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI) of 17 May 1974. In accordance with the arrangements endorsed by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1993/27 of 5 March 1993, this Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for eight working days prior to the forty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission, from 17 to 26 June 1996;

(c) Working Group on Indigenous Populations, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34 of 7 May 1982. This Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for one week prior to the forty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission, from 29 July to 2 August 1996;

(d) Working Group on Minorities, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/31 of 25 July 1995. This Working Group of five members of the Sub-Commission met twice for five working days: from 28 August to 1 September 1995 and from 29 April to 3 May 1996.

In-session working groups

4. Since its thirty-fourth session in 1981, the Sub-Commission has established a sessional working group to assist it in relation to its annual review of developments concerning the human rights of persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment. At its forty-sixth session in 1994, the Sub-Commission established a sessional working group on the administration of justice and the question of compensation in place of a sessional working group on detention.

5. The Sub-Commission may wish to consider establishing such a sessional working group at its forty-eighth session.

6. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will be issued as an addendum to the present document.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Review of the work of the Sub-Commission.

4. Review of further developments in fields with which the Sub-Commission has been concerned.

5. Elimination of racial discrimination:

   (a) Measures to combat racism and racial discrimination and the role of the Sub-Commission.

6. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).

7. The new international economic order and the promotion of human rights:

   (a) The role and equal participation of women in development.

8. The realization of economic, social and cultural rights.

9. Communications concerning human rights: report of the Working Group established under Sub-Commission resolution 2 (XXIV) in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII).

10. The administration of justice and the human rights of detainees:

   (a) Question of human rights and states of emergency;

   (b) Individualization of prosecution and penalties, and repercussions of violations of human rights on families;

   (c) Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers.

11. The implementation of the human rights of women.

12. Human rights and scientific and technological developments.

13. International peace and security as an essential condition for the enjoyment of human rights, above all the right to life.

14. Discrimination against indigenous peoples.

15. Contemporary forms of slavery.

16. Promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international levels:

    (a) Prevention of discrimination and protection of children: human rights and youth;

    (b) Human rights and disability.

17. Protection of minorities.

18. Freedom of movement:

    (a) Situation of migrant workers and members of their families;

    (b) Population displacements.

19. Implications of humanitarian activities for the enjoyment of human rights.

20. Comprehensive examination of thematic issues relating to racism, xenophobia, minorities and migrant workers.

21. Consideration of the future work of the Sub-Commission and of the draft provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission.

22. Adoption of the report of the forty-eighth session.